

ABSTRACT

5 In one embodiment, a pre-engaging orthodontic bracket includes a
body having a lingual surface for attachment to a tooth, a pair of laterally spaced
gingival tie wings and a pair of laterally spaced occlusal tie wings. The gingival and
occlusal tie wings project from a labial surface of the body. An archwire slot extends
mesiodistally across the body and between the gingival and occlusal tie wings at
opposed mesial and distal sides of the body to accommodate an archwire. A pivot pin
10 extends between a pair of the tie wings at opposed mesial and distal sides of the body.
A shutter is moveable relative to the body between an open position in which
placement and removal of an archwire into the archwire slot is facilitated and a closed
position in which placement and removal of an archwire into the archwire slot is
inhibited.

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